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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-26-51

WEATHER The week was considerably colder than normal in the northeast to near normal over the extreme western portion of the State with unseasonably cold weather during the first two days and rather warm weather on the 23rd, and again at the close of the week. Precipitation ranged from moderate in the northeast to none locally in the south central portion of the State, and occurred mostly as rain changing to snow. Some very strong winds occurred, which raised considerable dust over the western portion of the State.

CROPS Snow and cold weather over the eastern half of the State during the first part of the week combined to keep field work at virtually a standstill. Some disk-ing and stalk cutting were reported in the southwest and extreme south central counties where precipitation was light. Farmers are anxious to start spring work but a few days of drying weather are needed before they can commence to prepare ground for spring planted crops. In the northeast part of the State where snowfall was heaviest and high winds caused considerable drifting, spring work will be later than in other parts of the State even with favorable weather.

High winds over parts of the Panhandle and southwest caused some damage to winter wheat, particularly in the area of lighter soils. Light snow fell in a few western counties but generally top soil remains very dry in this area. Winter wheat in the eastern half of the State appears to be in good condition with soil moisture generally regarded as satisfactory. However, wheat made little plant development during the week because of low temperatures.

Farm operations have been limited mainly to the care and feeding of livestock, cleaning and treating of seed oats, repairing of fences and checking of machinery.

Reports from Nemaha county indicate considerable burning of red clover fields because of pea aphids and red clover weevil.

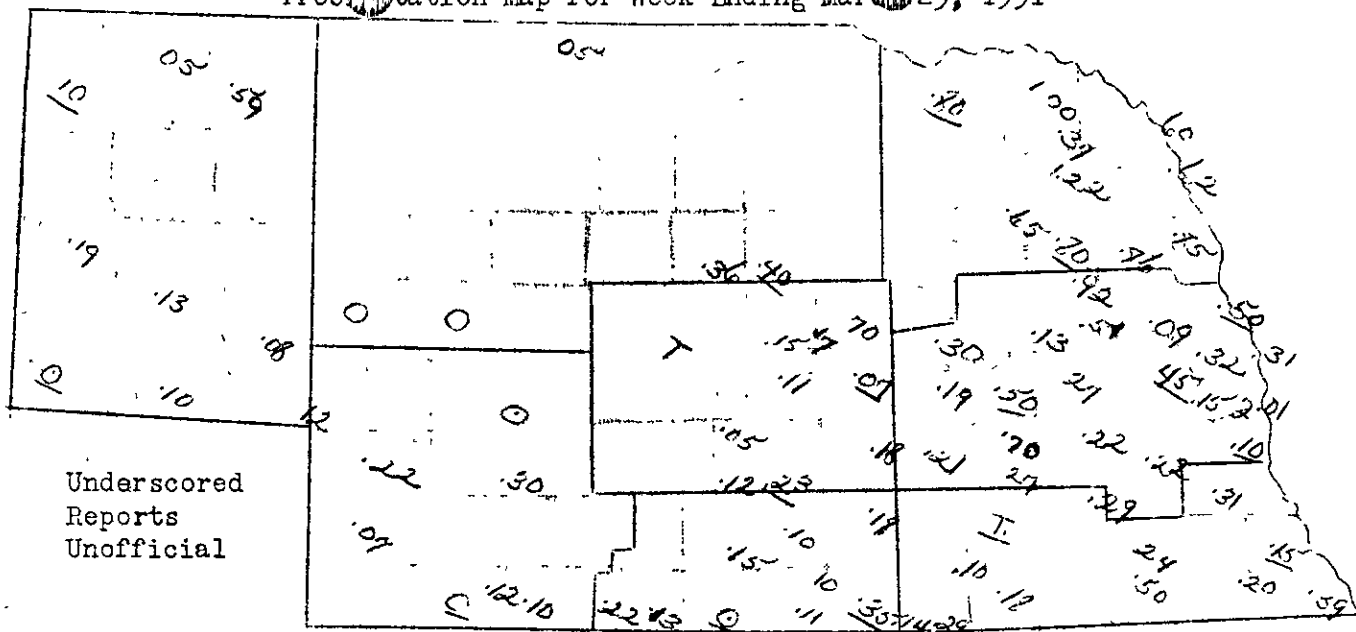
The farm labor supply appears to be short in many areas, although the progress of spring work has not advanced to a point where actual labor demand is known.

LIVESTOCK Spring farrowings are well under way and the size of litters appears to be average or better. However, the cold, wet weather has not been favorable and has caused some losses. Comments from the range area indicate that calving is progressing satisfactorily with only light losses. Cold, wet weather during the past week caused all livestock to show some shrinkage. Generally, hay and feed supplies are ample throughout the State except in some Panhandle counties, where there is a good demand for hay. There is a strong demand for Sand Hill pastures for summer range, and the price is up sharply over the rentals in previous years. The near record numbers of cattle in Nebraska make it necessary to fully utilize all available ranges and pastures.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending March 26, 1951

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	--	Chadron	.05
Lincoln	.05	North Platte	0	Imperial	--
Norfolk	.27	Valentine	.05	Scottsbluff	.10
Omaha	.08			Sidney	.10
Sioux City	.24				

Precipitation Map for Week Ending Mar 23, 1951



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		MARCH		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	33	12	34	19	68	35	63	29	48	20	55	22	64	39		
	Scottsbluff	37	20	29	16	65	33	66	29	46	24	56	23	64	33		
	Sidney	38	18	28	18	65	29	71	27	46	21	55	20	66	28		
N-C	Burwell	28	8	28	5	--	31	--	--	--	22	54	25	--	--		
	Valentine	26	9	24	8	64	38	58	25	39	24	51	25	57	36		
NE	Norfolk	19	3	21	- 4	36	25	58	26	39	21	47	27	50	29		
	Sioux City	18	3	20	- 1	29	20	52	23	37	18	39	26	48	31		
Cen.	Grand Island	31	16	31	12	58	38	77	31	40	24	59	25	61	38		
	Lincoln	28	17	28	14	48	38	71	33	39	25	56	33	61	39		
E-C	Omaha	21	12	21	6	36	28	63	30	36	22	47	27	54	35		
	North Platte	37	18	34	15	65	32	75	35	49	22	58	23	64	32		

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